

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING SERVICE ACQUISITION IN A LOCAL AREA NETWORK DEVICE

ABSTRACT

5 A method of and WLAN device that is arranged and constructed to control
service acquisition includes a transceiver for coupling to a second WLAN device; a user
(I/O) for interacting with a user; and a controller for deciding whether the transceiver
will enter a service acquisition mode thereby coupling to said second WLAN device by;
determining a parameter that corresponds to a present environment for the WLAN
10 device; comparing the parameter to a predetermined value to provide a comparison,
the predetermined value defining, in part, an environment where service for the WLAN
device is desirable; analyzing the comparison according to a rule to provide a decision;
and enabling the service acquisition mode when the decision is favorable; and
otherwise forgoing service acquisition.